



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 374A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: President Neal, Vice President Troost, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

Absent: Commissioner Gureckas and Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: Commissioner Rubenstein and Commissioner Weller

1. Meeting to be called to order by President Janet Neal. (11-0358)

President Neal called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of December 15, 2010. (11-0360)

On motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Miller, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

Abstentions: 1 - Vice President Troost, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Gureckas and Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Rubenstein and Commissioner Weller

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3. Discussion and approval to send written comments to the LA County Office of Emergency Management regarding Section 1.4 Definition in the *“Los Angeles County Operation Area Emergency Response Plan, Access and Functional Needs Annex.”* (11-0417)

During discussion, several Commissioners had concerns about the interpretation of the Disabilities definition mentioned in Section 1.4.

After discussion, Commissioner Troost made a friendly amendment to the paragraph to change "those who have disabilities" to read "people with disabilities" instead.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner James, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - President Neal, Vice President Troost, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Miller

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Gureckas and Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Rubenstein and Commissioner Weller

Later in the meeting Commissioner Chang noted there is a difference of opinion on whether the issues of the disabled should even be included in the paragraph. Due to time constraints required by the Office of Emergency Management, President Neal made a suggestion to include in the wording request specified on line 8 of Section 1.4 to change "may include those who have disabilities" to including those who have all (inclusive) disabilities".

Therefore, at the suggestion of President Neal and on motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved with the aforementioned recommendations.

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II. REPORTS

4. Update report by the President. (11-0401)

President Neal presented a verbal report. Additionally, she had a CD audio copy of the KTYM Radio show that is now available. The Executive Committee will discuss ways to be reimbursed for the cost of the CDs.

After discussion, her verbal report was received and filed.

5. Update report by staff on the Legistar 5 program and the audio recordings of the meetings being available to the public. (11-0399)

Rhonda Rangel presented a verbal report to the future developments of Legistar 5 that includes audio to meeting minutes. President Neal and the Commission as a whole thanked the Executive Office and Commission staff for their hard work on this project.

6. Monthly Executive and Public Relations Committee Report. (11-0416)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 16, 2011.

7. Monthly Events Committee report for the months of December 2010 and January 2011. (11-0418)

President Neal noted the Committee is looking into different methods of raising money for scholarships.

After discussion, the item was continued to the meeting of February 16, 2011.

8. Transportation Committee Report including discussion of paratransit complaints. (11-0468)

President Neal reported the Transportation Committee is still looking into paratransit vehicles being illegally parked. The Committee has been in constant contact with the Culver City Parking Enforcement unit.

After her report, no action was taken by the Commission.

9. Monthly Access Services Report by Giovanna Gogreve, Operations Analyst of Access Services or a representative from Access Services. (11-0469)

Giovanna Gogreve reported on upcoming events to be held by Access Services and highlighted on the Smart Drive System currently being utilized by Access Services. Luis Burns reported on Commissioner Miller's request on the point system determined by Access for their drivers.

Ms. Gogreve and Mr. Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission and urged Commissioners to call their Customer Care number at (800) 827-0829. Feedbacks from Commissioners will be given at the next meeting.

After discussion, their verbal report was received and filed.

10. Report on Access Board Meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board Representative. (11-0471)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 16, 2011.

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11. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO) or a METRO representative. (11-0475)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 16, 2011.

12. Report by Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. (11-0478)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 16, 2011.

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III. PRESENTATIONS

13. Discussion on the potential rescinding of special education school/district permits and presentation from Mr. Steven Gourley, CCUSD Board of Education. (11-0398)

Mr. Gourley announced Assembly Bill 2444 (AB2444) authored by California Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani has given disabled students a chance to go to other school districts for specialized classes not provided by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). There are still other obstacles that students living in the LAUSD area must reconcile but this Bill has at least lightened the burden. Mr. Gourley added that although enrollment is good, his school district does not want to rely on LAUSD for its students, so they have capped enrollment in order to keep the Teacher/Student ratio at a minimum.

During discussion, Mr. Gourley was asked if he would like to be a guest speaker at the KTYM radio show hosted by President Neal to discuss this issue more.

After his presentation, no action was taken by the Commission.

14. Presentation from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding disable placards. (11-0421)

Frank Montoya, Supervising Investigator from the Department of Motor Vehicles spoke on the enforcement activity and misdemeanor convictions done during the past year.

Mr. Montoya answered several questions posed by the Commission, however, President Neal specifically addressed the possibility of a different color place card for transport companies instead of the regular Red or Blue place cards. Although he could not give the specifics, he was able to provide 1-800-777-0133 or his direct number to see if he would be able to at least get a more direct person to address her issues and others that may not have been addressed.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

15. Matters not on the Posted Agenda (to be Presented or Placed on the Agenda of a Future Meeting). (11-0474)

15A. **Introduction for discussion and placed on a future agenda for consideration:**

Recommendation as submitted by President Neal: Discussion on the plan of action by the City and County of Los Angeles once the Los Angeles City Department of Disabilities is disbanded. (11-0485)

Public Comment

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-0419)

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

17. Opportunity for members of the Commission to provide announcements. (11-0420)

This item was taken off calendar.

Adjournment

18. Adjournment for the meeting of January 19, 2011. (11-0479)

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.